

Appl. No. 10/065,254
Amendment dated June 8, 2004
Response to Office Action of March 8, 2004

REMARKS AND ARGUMENTS

Objection to the Claims

Claims 2-14 and 16-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include one or more cells in the device region of the substrate. Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. Since claims 2-21 and newly added claims 43-45 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1, these claims are also patentable.

With respect to newly added claim 46, it recites an organic electrical device. The device includes a device region on the substrate having one or more cells and spacer particles for supporting a cap wherein the spacer particles comprise a profile in which a base is equal to or wider than an upper portion. Applicants submit that claim 46 and claims 47-48, which depend on claim 46, are also patentable.

Rejections under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Shimizu et al. (US 5,552,913). Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimizu et al (US 5,552,913). Applicants submit that the rejections to claims 1 and 15 are moot in view of the amendment to claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections to the claims.

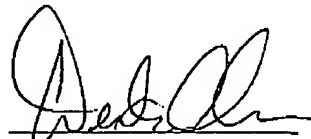
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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at his number set out below.

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